(d) The techno-economics of conversin of coal to oil on a commercial scale was again examined by a prefeasibility study and the finding is that, at present, such conversion is not favourable on a commercial scale in India.

The Dankuni Project

1824. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY: be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 874 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1986 and state:

(a) Whether the assessment has since been done about the cost escalation due to delay in completion of the Dankuni project;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) The Dankuni project was originally targetted to be completed by September 1984. The project construction is now making considerable progress and the project is likely to be completed around the middle of 1987.

The overall increase in the original cost estimates has been assessed. That part of the increase arising out of delay in completion is attributable to increase in interest charges and revenue expense and is of the order of Rs. 11 crores.

Jaswant Singh Commission Report

1825. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 45 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1986 and state:

(a) what steps has since been taken to set up a separate bench of the Allahabad High Court in western U.P.;

(b) by when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) whether more benches of other High Courts are also being set up; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission regarding establishment of a bench of the Allahabad High Court in western Uttar Pradesh have been referred to Government of Uttar Pradesh for their views|comments so that a final decision is taken in the matter

(c) specific recommendations made by the Commission regarding the establishment of benches of the High Courts of Madhya Pradesh and Madras have been sent to the Government of Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for their consideration. The recommendations regarding general principles for setting up of Benches of the High Courts away from their principal seats have also been sent to Government of Karnataka for considering their

proposal for creation of a Bench of the Karnataka High Court. Further action in the matter could be taken only after receiving proposals from the State Government concerned.

Free Flow of Medicines in Market

1826. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MRTP Commission has come to the conclusion that the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists are preventing from flow of medicines into the market;

(b) if so, what are the details of the conclusions made by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission in the matter; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to effect free flow of medicines in the market so that people do not suffer from non-availability of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) In three cases of restrictive trade practice in 1981 and 1982, the MRTP Commission directed the All-India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists, amongst others, to discontinue the alleged restrictive trade practice.

On October 28, 1986, the MRTP Commission passed an interim injunction restraining the All-Inlia Organisation of Chemists, and Drugists from indulging in restrictive trade practice by putting restrictions on manufacturers in the introduction of new medicines in the market or selling of the medicines in a particular area etc. This injunction has been stayed by an order of the High Court of Calcutta.

On another application filed by the Director General of Investigation & Registration under Section 10(a) (iii) allegating the restrictive trade practice of fixing uniform discount for wholesalers and retailers, the MRTP Commission has issued notice of enquiry.

Aid from OIL for Social Welfare Work

1827. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and addresses of the receipients of the financial aids from OIL Duliajan for social welfare work in the last financial year, alongwith the amount against each receipient; and

(b) the names and addresses of the proposed receipients of such aid in the current financial year alongwith the proposed amount against each proposed receipient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Two statements containing the required information are laid on the Table of the Sabha. (See statements I and II below).